

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Want to Run for Mayor or Councilor?

Along with the Presidential election, Donald is holding a Mayoral and City Council election. There are six council positions and those are staggered, every two years. This year there will be three open Council positions. Qualifications are 1) must be 18+ years of age, 2) be a registered voter for the last 20 calendar days, and 3) have lived in Donald for the last 12 months. If you are interested in running for local office, please email Heidi Bell, at [manager@donaldoregon.gov](mailto:manager@donaldoregon.gov) to setup an appointment to check out the materials, learn about campaign rules and/or to just learn more information about the duties. The City's website and community boards will have more information about the process and the responsibilities of these positions by May 25.

### Election Schedule for Mayor and Councilor:

- June 3 at 8am: First Day to Sign Up to Run
- August 21 at 12pm: Last Day to Sign Up to Run
- August 21, by 4pm: Announcement of who is running on City's Website & Community Boards
- November 3 by 8pm: Vote in General Election

**Note: Donald Beautification Group Meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

### Want to Join the Planning Commission?

If you are interested in voting on land-use applications and serving on the Tree Board consider volunteering on the Planning Commission. Info can be obtained on the City's website, a community board or calling City Hall. Applications are due May 15.

#### City Hall:

City Manager: Heidi Bell  
10710 Main Street  
P.O. Box 388  
Donald, OR 97020-0388  
**Phone: 503-678-5543**  
City Hall Hours:  
Mon - Thurs =  
8am to 4pm  
Fridays = 8am to Noon

#### City Website:

**[www.donaldoregon.gov](http://www.donaldoregon.gov)**  
**Public Works:**  
Director: Alonso Limones  
Phone: 503-678-1411  
**Donald's Emergency  
Pager: 503-301-6479**  
Subscribe to  
**Flash Alerts** to receive  
Urgent & Emergency  
Notices

## Business Connections



The Donald Tavern will be opening our doors Friday, May 1st for To Go food and growler fills. Feel free to call ahead to place your order 503-678-5574. Please see our Facebook page for hours and menu. Thank You for your support, stay safe and healthy!

## COVID-19 Resources

- CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
- Oregon Health Authority website to sign up for daily notifications or learn info: [www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx)
- Marion County Oregon, [www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/COVID-19/Pages/Default.aspx)
- Phone call 211 to learn about community assistance programs and emergency management responses

## Community Member of the Month

There are a lot of Donaldites that are giving so much to their fellow community members during this COVID-19 outbreak. If you want to nominate someone for Community Member of the Month you can complete the form on City's website or drop off a note through the City Hall's door slot. The Council reads the nominations and then votes.

### City Calendar for May 2020

Mon. 4: City Council Work Session 6:30pm  
Tue. 12: City Council Meeting 6:45pm  
Thurs. 14: Budget Training Class 6pm  
Fri. 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due  
Fri 15: Applications for Planning Commission Due  
Tue. 19: Budget Committee Meeting 6pm  
Mon 25: Memorial Day—City Offices Closed  
Tue 26: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street  
Thur. 28: Planning Commission Mtg. w/ Public Hearing 6:45pm



# DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

May 2020

## Councilor's Corner: Katie Gonzalez

### Focus Group: Civic Engagement & Public Health

I really appreciate hearing about all the kindness our community members area providing to one another during this time of crisis. Thank you! As the liaison for the Civic Engagement and Public Health focus group, I have been collecting resources to assist our community members. I have posted some resources, including information on utilities, food, mental health, kids, and general resources on the windows of the Donald Community Center. I also prepared a larger list which is available on the City's website. If you have a need, a good place to start is contacting the Marion County Warm Line which provides local resources available in our area. It is available every day from 8 am to 8 pm at 503-576-4602. If I can be of any additional assistance in coordinating resources, please email me at [CouncilorGonzalez@donaldoregon.gov](mailto:CouncilorGonzalez@donaldoregon.gov) or call City Hall to have a message directed to me.



## Emergency Management

### By Planning Commissioner Neil Strathdee



As the COVID-19 pandemic has shown, there is often little warning when an emergency occurs. Have you heard about CERT? CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team – a national Citizen's Corps program of FEMA for volunteer emergency workers who have received specific training in basic disaster response skills. These volunteers agree to supplement existing emergency responders in the event of a major disaster. The motto of CERT is doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. You can learn more about CERT on the City website at: [donaldoregon.gov/City Council/Council Focus Groups/Emergency Management/CERT](http://donaldoregon.gov/City Council/Council Focus Groups/Emergency Management/CERT). Watch for more information about CERT in coming issues of the *Donald Record* newsletter.



## Water & Sewer Utility Bill Delinquencies

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the City Council made changes to the water and sewer utility billing process. Here is a summary of these changes for you to be aware of:

- ◆ Suspended shut-offs for delinquent water and sewer bill accounts.
- ◆ No late fees applied to delinquent accounts.
- ◆ No red tag fees or processing.
- ◆ Please note: You will still be charged your regular bill and water meters are being read.
- ◆ There is a new **"Pledge to Pay"** form that you can fill out on the City's website. While the intent is to be helpful and supportive during this time, there is a concern of getting accounts current again. By signing up for the "Pledge to Pay" program you will receive notification that the suspension period has ended and have 15 to contact the City to setup a payment plan.

## Bill Pay for Water & Sewer now available!

We are happy to announce that you can now pay your Water & Sewer bills online! To get started, have your account number and email address ready and go to the City's website at [www.DonaldOregon.gov](http://www.DonaldOregon.gov) and follow the links.

It is **VERY** important to verify your email address to access all the features.

Here are a few of the online features:

- ◆ This service is being offered at no cost to customers.
- ◆ View your bill, account history, water usage & see graphs.
- ◆ Quick Pay: No registration required for this service, just have the account number and enter your payment info.
- ◆ Paperless Billing: You will no longer receive a paper bill if you select this feature but will still have the ability to see the monthly newsletter and any other monthly inserts.
- ◆ Auto Pay.
- ◆ Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted.

If you have any questions or need help getting registered, please either email [CityHall@DonaldOregon.gov](mailto:CityHall@DonaldOregon.gov) or call City Hall 503-678-5543. **Thank you!**



## Recycle Donald 2020

By Master Recycler Lauren Ostrander

### Junk Mail

#### Recycle or Trash it?



Did you know that the average household receives almost 900 pieces of junk mail in a year? That is about 1.5 trees a year every year for every family, YIKES! Great news on lots of levels. Junk mail can go in the Donald blue recycling bins. Even better yet here are some tips to cutting down on junk mail: Contact companies that send you things you might not need like credit card offers, stores you don't shop at, prior person who lived at your address, catalogs, phone books, or maybe direct mailers that are generated by large companies. Contact Lauren for more ideas or to participate in Recycle Donald 2020. LaurenOstrander@gmail.com or 503-453-9228

## Litter and Clean Up

By Public Works Director Alonso Limones

It seems like more people are getting outside to walk around and enjoy the sunshine, I would like to remind you to not litter. Please keep garbage, even little pieces of trash, off our streets. There are four garbage cans on Main Street and these should be used by the public to dispose of litter. Please do not use these cans as a substitute for you to pay for home garbage service. The City of Donald has great support from the local garbage franchise, North Marion Recycling and Garbage/Loren's. Please remember that City Code 91.15 requires you to remove garbage from your property every seven days. Thank you for participating to keep the City clean and doing your part to spring clean!

## Coronavirus Traffic Tips

Traffic Safety by Councilor Rod Scott

If you have been on the Roads you know that traffic is lite. Be careful, this could lure you into carefree driving. Now is not the time to let up on your defensive driving. Some people think less traffic means no police. I encourage you to be cautious and pay attention so that speeding is not common on our roads. Remember SPEED KILLS. We are all putting in so much effort into staying safe with COVID-19 so I would like to encourage you to please put that same effort into Driving Safe and defensively so you can go home to your family.

## Keep Sidewalks Free of Personal Items

You notice more people are getting outside and walking for exercise, relaxation or just to sightsee. This is a reminder about being kind and staying aware that your actions have an effect on others. Sidewalks are valued in every community because they make it easier to be a pedestrian. Please remember that the City Code does not allow for obstruction of the sidewalks. If your vehicle hangs out of your driveway and blocks the sidewalk, then a pedestrian has to figure out how to navigate the problem. This can mean that they have to walk into the street or perhaps turn around if they have a mobility issue. Please be kind and keep your vehicles and cars off of the sidewalks. This also is true about the right of ways, known as the "shoulder of the road". This area is reserved for future construction of a sidewalk by the property owner, but now serve as an undeveloped area for a pedestrian to use. The City Code also prevents people from storing things on the right of ways or sidewalks, most often we see this with portable basketball hoops. In general, if it is yours, keep it on your private property when it is not being used. Code enforcement in Donald is an expensive task. People make their own choices, please consider making choices that are responsible and demonstrate compassion for your fellow community members and to teach our kids about their responsibility of living in a community.

## What is Happening at the Library?



Although the North Marion Community Library, presently located in the basement of the Aurora Presbyterian Church, 21553 Liberty St. NE, Aurora, remains closed for the foreseeable future, library volunteers are teaming with the North Marion PTO, the Backpack Buddies program, and others to provide donated books for North Marion students and their families. When the library reopens, we'll post the news on our Facebook page, and to the Facebook page in Donald. If you currently have books checked out from the library, rest assured that you're not getting any overdue fines. Once we reopen, you'll receive an email message reminding you what books you have that need to be returned.

Questions? Send them to [nmarionlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:nmarionlibrary@gmail.com).

## City Meetings Held Electronically

It is anticipated that during the COVID-19 outbreak the City's public meetings will be held via online video conferencing. The City uses Webex. The public is invited to call in to these meetings. Please see the meeting's agenda for the call-in directions. If you prefer to attend in-person, then you call City Hall (or drop a note off) two business-days prior to the meeting and make a pre-arrangement to reserve a seat at City Hall. There are only a few seats available, since social distancing will be maintained and the room is small.

### City Council Recap from April's 21st Meeting

At their April meeting, the Council updated the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, which is posted on the City's website and community boards. Mayor Oxenford Proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and a copy of the proclamation can be found on the website or community boards. They reviewed the quarter three financials and the police and fire logs for March. They voted to approve a new business license for Bear Electric to do retail sales at 10680 Main Street, extend the repayment of the sidewalk repairs for property owners (due to COVID-19), the contract with Accuity (the new audit firm working for the City) and increase the System Development Charges that developers pay to build in Donald to match the inflation rate. Next regular Council meeting is Tues. May 12 at 6:45pm.

### Public Meeting Notice: Budget Committee

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Donald, Marion County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the meeting's location is to be determined. The public will be able to participate. Specifics will be announced in the *Woodburn Independent*, and on the meeting's agenda which is posted on the City's website and community boards. The meeting will take place on May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Anyone may discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Friday, May 15, 2019 at [www.donaldoregon.gov](http://www.donaldoregon.gov) or by appointment at Donald City Hall, 10710 Main Street N.E., Donald, Oregon. City Hall's hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Fridays. This notice will also be posted on the City's website at: [www.DonaldOregon.gov](http://www.DonaldOregon.gov). Questions may be directed to Heidi Bell, City Manager at 503-678-5543 or emailed to [Manager@DonaldOregon.gov](mailto:Manager@DonaldOregon.gov).

#### Budget Committee Training—May 14th at 6pm

Also, the Donald Budget Committee will have a training session on May 14 at 6pm. This meeting will be held electronically and we welcome the public to listen to the training session. The call-in details will be posted with the meeting's agenda but no public comments will be taken at this meeting and the budget will not be released.

## Public Hearing at Planning Commission Meeting

On Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 6:45pm, the Planning Commission will hold two public hearings regarding the UGB expansion area south of Main Street/Donald Road NE. The concurrent applications are for 1) An Annexation and Zone Change, and 2) a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Subdivision. The project submitted by the property owner and developer is called "Harvest Gardens." The public will be able to participate in the public hearings in person or remotely (by phone or video). Specific details about the project and the meeting logistics will be posted on the City's website and community boards closer to the date of the hearings, consistent with local, state, and federal COVID-19 public health advisories.



## Census 2020 Update

It is not too late to participate in the Census. Help get our schools more funding, get our state more seats in Congress, get more federal funding for firefighters and families in need. Respond online at: <https://my2020census.gov/>

At the time this newsletter was written response rates were:

National 50.5%

State of Oregon 53.3%

**City of Donald 34.5%**

Follow the response rates at:

